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Measure 110 has been an absolute disaster which needs to be repealed.

I have an Adult son who is a recovering addict with 19 months clean. He never would have gotten help and most likely would have died, had he not been arrested. Unfortunately, he could not be arrested for drugs, due to measure 110 and I had to watch helplessly as he spiraled towards the likely outcome of death. I joined support groups for addict's parents and tried to accept that his death was immanent. I waited for "the call." Luckily I got a call from the jail instead. He had been arrested for hitting his father in the head with a shovel and knocking him out while high on meth and psychotic. I remember feeling so grateful that he was safe and had a chance to live. Because of his arrest and probation he has 19 months clean. He also has autism and bipolar mania and is more stable than he has been for many years and slowly but surely acquiring life skills, which were lost during his addiction and new life skills as well. Again, I am quite certain he would have died without this arrest.

I have also watched the son of a friend die in a car on my street as she begged police to intervene and arrest him, only to be told that because of 110 there was nothing they could do. I actually had to call my friend and get her information for police so that they could notify her. She says that the state of Oregon killed her son.

I have another friend who's son has already OD'd also in my neighborhood and she fears he will die if he can't be arrested and mandated for treatment.

From my residence/business location, I have watched people brazenly, openly, sell, purchase, use and OD, right in front of where I am trying to live and work, as well as next to the neighborhood park, pool, library and senior center. We have had many months of actual cartel activity which I have documented at risk to myself and shared with police as well as city and county officials, only to be told that they can do nothing because of measure 110.

It is time to restore law, order and sanity to our communities, to give law enforcement as well as the judicial system a chance to get this situation under control.

Please end this ridiculous, social experiment. Vote yes on HB4036